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## ■ COMMANDER'S CORNER ■

It is my proud honor to initiate the COMMANDERS CORNER in this, the first issue of the WINGTIPS. I am pleased to report to you that in the last six months, the National Capital Wing has reversed its downhill slide and no longer occupies the last slot within the Region Standings. But in our goal to attain the Number One position, we must work even harder, united in purpose. Unfortunately, there are Senior members, Cadet members, even Squadron Commanders who feel they can run the program anyway they wish. I am sorry to report that there are Squadron Commanders who could care less about their members, let alone care about the Wing. Among these Commanders are those who will not take the initiative to cooperate with other squadrons and the Wing or make the positive changes necessary within their own commands due to their own poor attitudes or personal goals. Everyone suffers from such attitudes.

To these members of our proud organization, whether Squadron Commander, Senior member or Cadet member, I say to you that Civil Air Patrol is not the place for you. Make room for those who are concerned and who do care about the well being of our organization. There are people who DO CARE.

Don't be among those left behind. Changing with the times is the foundation of progress. Which type of member are you? DO care or DON'T care? Chas. Suraci, CO

**SERVICE WITH PRIDE IN  
NATIONAL CAPITAL WING**

## RECRUITING DRIVE NOV.1-DEC.7

The above dates have been selected for the Wing Recruiting Drive. Sdn. Cmdrs. will be briefed at Oct. 8 Cmdr. Call. The I O Section has developed a program for the squadrons to implement. Wing Staff Members will be available to assist. A prize of a \$25 Savings Bond will be awarded to the Cadet who recruits the most new members. Let's all pitch in and make this drive a success.

## WING GREETES NEW LO

National Capital Wing welcomed a new LO recently. LTC. John H. Gill comes to us from Alaska where he served as Ops. Officer, 5040 Helicopter Sdn. at Elmendorf, Alaska for the past four years. Prior to that he served in Thailand, S.C. + Bermuda in SAC, MAC and air rescue. Born and raised in Muncie, Ind. he graduated from Ball State Univ. in 1955 and in Nov. the same year joined the USAF. He has 7000 hours in his log book. While attached to the 5040th, LTC. Gill flew H-3 helicopters. While not affiliated with CAP there, he indirectly worked with Alaska Wing because he said, "whenever we went out on a recovery, CAP was always there first or had been there!" While in Alaska, he owned a Super Cub equipped with wheels and skis. We look forward to a long and fruitful association and extend LTC. Gill a hearty welcome.

Today Is Yesterday's  
Reward for Safety

## Wing Conference

A Wing Conference will be held at Andrews AFB OCT. 26. It will convene at 0830 hrs. in MERLO HDQTRS. Bldg. During the morning session LTC W. Straughan will present a seminar on the "ART OF TEACHING!" After lunch at the golf club seminars by each Wing section will be set up. Personnel are urged to attend the seminar pertaining to their Sdn. positions. The seminars will be slotted so that members can attend two during the afternoon. Immediately following lunch, S/Sgt. Brunner will address the group on "Air Force Leadership!" Sgt. Brunner is with the NCO Academy, Bolling AFB. ALL National Capital Wing members should set Oct. 26 aside in order to attend and benefit from the fine program that has been arranged by Major Fred Hess, Wing Plans and Program Officer. \*\*\*\*

The DINING OUT will be held on NOV. 20, 1974 at Bolling AFB "O" Club. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. Formal dress. Cocktails at 1900 hrs., dinner at 2030 hrs. Seniors only. Reservations must be in by Nov. 1. CALL 451-2677

## WING WINS AWARD

National Capital Wing was recently honored when it received the 1973 SAFETY AWARD for MER. Awarded to our Safety Officer, Major Carter, by National Headquarters, through Col. Jon Hill, MER Commander, it reflects the hardwork and safety consciousness of all members of the Wing. Congratulations to Major Carter for his sections success. A job well done.



1. The first step is to identify the problem. This involves understanding the symptoms and the context in which they are occurring.

TO THE HON. THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the purchase of the land for the proposed new post at Fort Belknap, Montana, and in reply to inform you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. M. WILSON, Major, U. S. Army.

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## NEW CMDR. - GRISSOM SDN

Grisson Squadron recently acquired a new commander. He is LTC. Alfred E. Morris, formerly Director for Cadet Programs, Md. Wing Staff. LTC. Morris is no stranger to Nat-Cap, having previously served as Director for Cadets on our Wing Staff.

His CAP history goes back to June, 1954, when he joined Sdn. 103, Phila. Pa. At that time, the Commander of Sdn. 103 was none other than Jon Hill, presently MER Commander. Joining him in CAP is his wife, Capt. Barbara Morris, MER Dir. of Information, and his daughter, C/T/SGT. Susannah Morris.

During the month that LTC. Morris has been Commander, the pace has picked up a bit for Grissom. They have had 100 % attendance at meetings, held a practice bivouac and simulator training. Squadron emphasis is definitely on GRT and Aerospace Ed.

During the recent Air Force Asso. Convention, Grissom represented the Wing with a GRT display with six cadets and the Commander participating in the activities.

We wish the new Commander and Grissom Squadron all kinds of success.

## CADET ACTIVITY

The Cadet Advisory Council is planning a leadership symposium to be held Oct. 25-Oct. 27 at Andrews AFB. Attendance at the Wing Conference will be part of the activities. Billeting and meals are being set up by C/Cpt. Kim Joyner, CAA Chairman with the assistance of LTC W. Straughan, Merle. See your GAC ADVISOR FOR DETAILS. Major Fred Hess and Capt. M. Hess will participate as senior chaperones. If the Cadet sponsored activities in the past year are an indication, this should be a winner.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

All pilots are reminded that those who wish to remain active pilots must complete their part 61 checkride prior to November 1. **FAA PART 61**  
Schedule yours now!

## What's Coming Up

### WING HDQTRS.

OCT. 1--WING STAFF MEETING  
OCT. 8--COMMANDERS CALL  
OCT. 12--COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP  
OCT. 19--AEROSPACE ED. WORKSHOP  
ANDREWS A F B  
OCT. 26--WING CONFERENCE MERLO  
OCT. 25-27--CADET LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM  
NOV. 5--WING STAFF MEETING  
NOV. 20--WING DINING OUT, B A F B

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## SECTION SPOTLIGHT

Because I was unable to pin any other section head down to do an article, I'm going to lead off on SECTION SPOTLIGHT. For those of you who haven't already heard, I have recently been appointed Wing I O. Coming in at the end of the quarter is a little rough especially when your a novice to boot. But I'm in and with both feet. My first decision was the compilation of this newsletter. I hope you enjoy it and that it will be helpful to you. I also hope, fervently, that all of you will feel free to contribute to your paper. One person can't do it all. The second project started is the Wing recruiting drive. This will be gone into in detail with your Commander I hope you will all support it. In going thru' the files in an attempt to fathom the quarterly I O report that I'm responsible for, I can see my work cut out for me. I have come to the conclusion that the I O reports coming from the squadrons leave much to be desired. This I hope to rectify at the IO Seminar during the Wing Conference at Andrews, Oct. 26. It will be instructive. As I see it, my job basically is to coordinate the sum of what you do with information and public relations. My results will only be as good as the material you give me. I intend to give it every thing I've got. I know you wouldn't do less.

M. Hess, I O

## A BETTER IDEA

### TRY A PAT ON THE BACK

If you were to write down all the ways to motivate people to do better work, friendly praise would have to come near the head of your list.

That's fine in theory, but do you actually practice it? Do you spend as much or more time praising the things people have done well as you do criticizing their mistakes? Most of us don't. Praise, when we give it, is short and sweet. Criticism tends to be long and detailed. Try reversing the procedure. Take the time to appreciate people's good points. Let them get the feeling of how pleasant it is to be praised for doing thing's well.

Then, when you come to the points that have to be corrected, lower your voice. Let them know that you hope to be able to praise them for better results next time.

Avoid bitterness and scolding in your suggested corrections. They're not needed. All they do is arouse resentment rather than the desire to cooperate.

When people take pride in their work, when they always do a good job, there is often a temptation to take them for granted. Since they don't require constant supervision, it's easy to overlook their contributions.

So check over your members once in a while. When have you neglected to tell recently what a good job they're doing?

Obviously, some people need more attention than others. An insecure individual needs more frequent reassurance than a confident one.

Most members don't need to be praised at every turn, but they do need frequent indications that their work is acceptable and appreciated. As a leader, praise, not criticism, is your most useful tool.

Before you give someone a kick in the pants no matter how well deserved, raise your sights and try a pat on the back instead.

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